UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

SHREVEPORT DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA * CRIMINAL NO. 5:15-cr-00223

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VERSUS * DISTRICT JUDGE FOOTE

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RESPONSE TO DEFENSE MEMORANDUM SUPPORTING THE USE OF HEARSAY IN THE REPORT OF DR. VIGEN

NOW INTO COURT, comes the United States, through the undersigned Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana, who states in response to the defense memorandum of law supporting the expert's use of hearsay testimony in forming his expert opinion, the following:

Based upon the case law submitted by the defense, as well as independent research, the undersigned concedes that an expert may use hearsay testimony in forming his expert opinion. Further during his testimony, an expert may note hearsay information in support of his opinion.

WHEREFORE the United States prays that this answer be deemed good and sufficient and be relieved from answering further.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that on January 30, 2017, a copy of the foregoing was filed electronically with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system. Notice of this filing will be sent to counsel of record, Mr. Cameron Murray, by operation of the court's electronic filing system.

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